

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY MARCH 23, 2023, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rives, Robinson, Lee and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Garcia and City Attorney DeFoyd arrived after roll call.

The meeting was opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Thomas Rogers, Assistant Public Works Director advised that the contractor was moving along with improvements at the wastewater Treatment Plant and they were helping to get ready for the Little League parade. He stated that several of the Public Works Department had attended pyrotechnic training last week.

Chief Meir stated that it was business as usual and they had enjoyed the pyrotechnic training last week and were looking forward to the participating in the Little League parade.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, advised they were keeping the seniors busy,

Ivan Rojas, Parks & Recreation Director, advised they were getting ready for the parade and would let the Mayor and Council know if the weather was bad.

Mayor Diaz ask that he let them know where to meet and what time.

City Manager Squyres advised that staging was starting on March 20th for the North Side water main and fire protection Phase 2 project and would be staging on the vacant lot behind the fire station. He stated that we were training the next generation in pyrotechnics, that this was not easy, they had to do three shoots and then take a test.

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Chief Ayala welcomed the family and friends of Mr. Howard and presented a commendation plaque to Officer Pizano for outstanding service to our community.

Mayor Diaz thanked Officer Pizano for what he does for our city.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Donna Dailey stated that Joseph House was doing well with their change in schedule and were having a lot of people coming in and If the knew of any seniors, veterans or handicapped to send them over, they had plenty of food.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2023-1 Declaring Unopposed candidates in the May 6, 2023 city election elected to office.**

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Rivas to approver Ordinance 2023-1 on the second and final reading. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Council to confirm Anthony D. Howard as Jacinto City full time Police Officer.**

Chief Ayala gave a short bio on Mr. Howard and recommended that They hire him as a Jacinto City Police Officer, stating that he came from a law enforcement family and welcomed his family and friends.

Chief Ayala made a recommendation that the Mayor and Council confirm him as a Jacinto City Police Officer.

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Mayor Diaz administered the Oath of Office and presented him with his badge and welcomed him aboard, that he was now a member of the family.

- 2. Council to authorize advertising for bids for street repair for portions of Lane, Switzer and Oats Road as specified on bid Sheet.**

City Manager Squyres stated that Council Member Garcia and Council Member Gonzales has placed on the agenda and that we had \$200,000 In the budget for street repair.

A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve advertising for bids to repair portions of Lane Street, Switzer and Oates Road as specified on the bid sheet. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas welcomed Officer Howard aboard and reminded everyone to come out on Saturday and enjoy the Little League parade and God Bless all.

Council Member Robinson Welcomed Officer Howard; cautioned everybody to be careful and he would see them on Saturday. He Congratulated Mayor Diaz and Council Members Garcia and Gonzales On being elected for another term.

Council Member Lee welcomed Officer Howard and advised him that he would be working with good department and thanked everyone for coming out.

Council Member Garcia stated that she had enjoyed sitting up her and

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listening to the citizens and we appreciated their comments. She commented on how much the police department had progressed over the years and welcomed Officer Howard aboard.

Council Member Gonzales welcomed officer Howard aboard, recognized his law enforcement family and friends.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Raines". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**